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Forest Biosecurity as a Shared Responsibility - Towards a Global Framework

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XV World Forestry Congress Side Event

Thursday 5 May

10.00 – 11.30 am (KST)

Global travel and trade facilitate the movement of invasive species around the world causing significant environmental and economic damage. Protecting forests from invasive species is part of a new global emphasis on 'One Health', addressing the health of people, animals, plants, and the environment. This is an integrated approach that recognizes these fundamental relationships.

Invasive species are a global issue that requires national, regional, and global cooperation and action. There are many voluntary guidelines and international and regional agreements that address this issue, however, capacity to implement them varies. We can learn much by looking to those who have had success. New Zealand and Australia have implemented a novel idea to make all citizens, businesses, and organizations aware of the importance of biosecurity and to get them involved. The goal is to create a 'movement' to ensure people are aware of biosecurity issues and are motivated to act, that indigenous peoples actively participate, that collaborations and partnerships grow, and that tools, rules and processes are available and effective. This aligns with the One Health concept of coordinated multidisciplinary collaboration working locally, nationally and internationally, to attain optimal health for people, animals and our environment.

Following these national and organisational examples, FAO, together with partners, aims to develop and implement a framework targeting policy makers and regulators to discuss strategies to increase awareness with and engage the public in forest biosecurity. This will facilitate establishment of a coordinated global biosecurity framework for forestry to enlist the world's citizens in the fight against forest invasive species. This side-event brings together experts in this field to introduce the proposed programme and formulate a draft proposal for further development of a framework. It is expected that the programme could inform other sectors in the implementation of 'One Health'.

Agenda	Time	Activity / Speaker
	10.00	Welcome address FAO, USDA-FS, and AFoCO
	10.10	Current situation of forest biosecurity from diverse perspectives (10 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">New Zealand's Biosecurity – successes and challenges (Peter Thompson – Ministry of Primary Industries New Zealand)Shared responsibility in biosecurity: the Australian experience (Russell Warman/ Madaline Healey - Univ. of Tasmania/Univ. of the Sunshine Coast)An industry perspective on forest biosecurity (Patricia Machado – Ibá Brazil)Forest biosecurity in Africa – Ghana as an example (Paul Bosu – CSIR, Ghana)
	10.50	Towards a global framework for forest biosecurity (10 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">IPPC and biosecurity, (Camilo Beltran Montoya - IPPC)A draft road map for a global framework for forest biosecurity (Shiroma Sathypala - FAO)
	11.10	Panel discussion: Developing a global framework for forest biosecurity
	11.25	Closing remarks

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